The selfless aid of the Lao Veterans of America is a true testament to the cause of freedom around the world. While the causes of this tragic conflict may continue to be debated, I believe we can all agree that the sacrifices of the Laotian veterans and their families should not be forgotten, as we owe them a great debt of gratitude.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

A 6-MONTH PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SUDAN THAT WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13067 OF NOVEMBER 3, 1997—A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 105

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c) and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON. THE WHITE HOUSE, *May* 17, 2000.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:09 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1291. An act to prohibit the imposition of access charges on Internet service providers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3363. An act for the relief of Akal Security, Incorporated.

 $\rm H.R.\ 3646.\ An\ act$ for the relief of certain Persian Gulf evacuees.

H.R. 4425. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 326. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Federal Government's responsibility for starting a destructive fire near Los Alamos, New Mexico.

The message further announced that the House has disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, (H.R. 1654) to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for the fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. Sensenbrenner, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. HALL of Texas, and Mr. GORDON as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 104-1, the Chair announced on behalf of the Speaker and minority leader of the House of Representatives and the majority and minority leaders of the United States Senate their joint appointment of Ms. Susan S. Robfogel of New York, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance, to fill the existing vacancy thereon.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276d, the Speaker has appointed the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Mr. HOUGHTON of New York, Chairman, appointed on February 16, 2000: Mr. Mr. UPTON of Michigan, Mr. STEARNS of Florida, Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Ms. DANNER of Missouri.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1377. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 13234 South Baltimore Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "John J. Buchanan Post Office Building."

S. 2370. An act to designate the Federal Building located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Daniel Patrick Movnihan United States Courthouse."

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3363. An act for the relief of Akal Security, Incorporated; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3646. An act for the relief of certain Persian Gulf evacuees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 326. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding

the Federal Government's responsibility for starting a destructive fire near Los Alamos, New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times, and placed on the Calendar.

H.R. 4425. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2557. A bill to protect the Energy Security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50 percent by the year 2010 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources, conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies, mitigating the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly, and for other purposes.

S. 2567. A bill to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, and for other purposes.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first

H.R. 3709. An act to extend for 5 years the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, May 17, 2000, he had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2370. An Act to designate the Federal building located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse."

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-8958. A communication from the Social Security Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Addition of Medical Criteria for Evaluating Down Syndrome in Adults" (RIN0960-AF03), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8959. A communication from the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Extension of Port Limits of Puget

Sound, WA" (T.D. 00-35), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8960. A communication from the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Revised List of User Fee Airports" (T.D. 00-34), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8961. A communication from the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Location of Duty-Free Stores" (RIN1515-AC53), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8962. A communication from the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Guidance under Section 1032", received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8963. A communication from the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Market Segment Specialization Program Audit Techniques Guide—Alternative Minimum Tax for Individuals", received May 15, 2000: to the Committee on Finance.

EČ-8964. A communication from the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Market Segment Specialization Program Audit Techniques Guide—Child Care Providers", received May 10, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8965. A communication from the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Estate of Smith v. Commissioner", received May 10, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8966. A communication from the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Market Segment Specialization Program Audit Techniques Guide—Garden Supplies", received May 10, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8967. A communication from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an interim rule entitled "Adoption of Revisions to OMB Circular A-110; Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations" (RIN2501-AC68) (FR-4573-I-01), received May 11, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8968. A communication from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an interim rule entitled "Supportive Housing Program—Increasing Operating Cost Percentage" (RIN2506-AC05) (FR-4576-I-01), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8969. A communication from the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Implementation of the Equal Access to Justice Act" (RIN2550-AA08), received May 4, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affelies.

EC-8970. A communication from the Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Asian Longhorned Beetle; Addition to Quarantined Areas" (Docket #00-004-2), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8971. A communication from the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of Administrative Rules and Regulations Governing Issuance of Additional Allotment Base to New Producers" (Docket Number FV00-985-2 FR), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8972. A communication from the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Increase in Compensation Rate for Handlers' Services Performed Regarding Reserve Raisins" (Docket Number FV00-989-2 FR), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8973. A communication from the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Dried Prunes Produced in California; Undersized Regulation for the 2000–2001 Crop Year" (Docket Number FV00–993-2 FR), received May 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8974. A communication from the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Onions Grown in South Texas; Change in Container Requirements" (Docket Number FV00-959-2 FIR), received May 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8975. A communication from the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Amendments to Rules of Practice under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act; Correction" (Docket Number FV00-363), received May 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8976. A communication from the Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an interim rule entitled "Disaster Set-Aside Program—Second Distallment Set Aside" (RIN0560-AF91), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8977. A communication from the Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an interim rule entitled "Farm Storage Facility Loan Program" (RIN0560-AG00), received May 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8978. A communication from Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Dicamba, Pesticide Tolerances; Technical Amendment" (FRL #6558-5), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8979. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled "Addendum to Region III 1997-2001 FIFRA Consolidated Cooperative Agreement Guidance May 2000", received April 18, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8980. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Transmittal of Addendum to the 1996 Hazardous Waste Enforcement Response Policy"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8981. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL # 6701-3), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

EC-8982. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL # 6701-4), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8983. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste Final Exclusion" (FRL # 6606-5), received May 11, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8984. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Revocation of Significant New Use Rule for Certain Chemical Substances" (FRL # 6555-8), received May 10, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8985. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL # 6701-5), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

EC-8986. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL # 6701-6), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8987. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Ocean Dumping: Designation of Site" (FRL # 6702-1), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8988. A communication from the Office of Environmental Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled "1998 Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Data Summary"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8989. A communication from the Army Corps of Engineers transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Final Rule Amending Regulations on Procedures to Navigate the St. Mary's Falls Canal and Soo Locks at Sault St. Marie, Michigan", received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8990. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Status of the

Nation's Highways, Bridges, and Transit Conditions and Performance Report"; to the Committee on Environment and Public

EC-8991. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Reports on Traffic Flow and Safety Applications of Road Barriers"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8992. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Allocation of Fiscal Year 2000 Youth and the Environmental Training and Employment Program Funds", received May 16, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8993. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Notice of Availability of Funds for Source Water Protection", received May 16, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8994. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa; Correction" (FRL #6702-9), received May 16, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8995. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan; South Dakota; New Source Performance Standards" (FRL #6603-1), received May 16, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8996. A communication from the Records Management and Declassification Agency, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "32 CFR Part 581 (Army Board for Correction of Military Records)" (RIN0702-AA32), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8997. A communication from the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of the Washington, MD, Nonappropriated Fund Wage Area" (RIN3206-AI97), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8998. A communication from the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of the Dubuque, IA, Appropriated Fund Wage Area" (RIN3206-AI90), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8999. A communication from the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2001 Final Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9000. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to additions to the Procurement List, received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9001. A communication from the United States International Trade Commission,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999, through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9002. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mancozeb; Reestablishment of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL # 6556-9), received May 16, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9003. A communication from the American Academy of Arts and Letters transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of activities during the year ending December 31, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9004. A communication from the United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, transmitting a report entitled "Kids and the Internet: The Promise and Perils"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9005. A communication from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Contract Financing", received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9006. A communication from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Elimination of Elements as a Category in Evaluations", received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9007. A communication from the Cable Services Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Closed Captioning and Video Description of Video Programming, Implementation of Section 305 of the Telecommunications Commission of 1996: Accessibility of Emergency Programming" (MM Docket No. 95–176, FCC 00–136), received May 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9008. A communication from the Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Amendments, FM Broadcast Stations, Mt. Washington and Jefferson, NH, Newry, ME" (MM Docket No. 99–8, RM–9433, RM–9642), received May 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9009. A communication from the Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, St Johnsbury and Barton, VT" (MM Docket No. 99-6, RM-9431, RM-9596), received May 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9010. A communication from the Common Carrier, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Implementation of the Subscriber Carrier Selection Changes Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Policies and Rules Concerning Unauthorized Changes of Consumers Long Distance Carriers" (FCC 00–135, CC Doc. 94–129), received May 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9011. A communication from the National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Antarctic Marine Living Resources; Harvesting and Dealer Permits, and Catch Documentation"

(RIN0648-AN42), received May 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9012. A communication from the National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Amendment 12 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AK79), received May 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9013. A communication from the National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Inseason Adjustment of the Dates of the Texas Closure in Accordance with the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico", received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9014. A communication from the National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Catch Specifications for the Gulf of Mexico under the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Region" (RIN0648-AM01), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9015. A communication from the National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Atlantic Migratory Species (HMS) Fisheries; Vessel Monitoring Systems; Delay of Effectiveness" (RIN0648-AJ67) (I.D. 040500B), received May 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-522. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey relative to the dumping of dredged material in the ocean; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-523. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire relative to emission standards for heavy-duty vehicles; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 30

Whereas, the state of New Hampshire has made significant efforts to improve the state's air quality and reduce air pollutant emissions from many source categories in accordance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

Whereas, emissions from mobile sources now contribute a majority of anthropogenic air pollutant emissions within the state and nationwide; and

Whereas, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has recently adopted the so-called Tier 2/Gasoline Sulfur Rule which will require significantly reduced emissions from light-duty vehicles such as common passenger vehicles and from sport utility vehicles, will require sport utility vehicle emissions to be reduced to not more than those allowed for common passenger vehicles, and will require significantly decreased levels of sulfur in gasoline during the next few years; and

Whereas, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has shown the reductions